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SUBJ: PROPOSED TRAVEL TO US BY MEMBERS OF INDONESIAN SUPREME  
AUDIT BOARD

FOR EA/IMS INGRAHAM FROM DCM TOUSSAINT

1. SUMMARY: THREE MEMBERS OF SUPREME AUDIT BOARD PLAN ELEVEN DAY VISIT TO US(WASHINGTON DC, NEW YORK AND SAN FRANCISCO) IN LATE MAY AND EARLY JUNE 1975. THEY HAVE WRITTEN TO COMPTROLLER GENERAL STAATS OUTLINING DESIRED PROGRAM AND ASKING GAO ASSISTANCE IN SETTING UP PROGRAM. BOARD HAS ALSO REQUESTED ASSISTANCE OF EMBASSY AND DEPARTMENT IN ALEETING STAATS TO VISIT AND IN ARRANGING PROGRAM DESIRED BY BOARD MEMBERS. WE RECOMMEND DEPARTMENT DO EVERYTHING FEASIBLE TO HELP MAKE VISIT BY BOARD MEMBERS WORTHWHILE AND SUCCESSFUL. ACTION REQUESTED: WOULD APPRECIATE CONFIRMATION THAT STAATS' OFFICE ADVISED OF VISIT, ANY ADVICE STAATS OR GAO MAY HAVE AND NAME OF ACTION OFFICE IN DEPARTMENT. END SUMMARY

2. THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SUPREME AUDIT BOARD(AND FORMER ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF) UMAR WIRAHADIKUSUMAH HAS WRITTEN LETTER DATED APRIL 3 TO US COMPTROLLER GENERAL ELMER B STAATS(WITH COPY TO EMBASSY) RE PLANS TO SEND THREE MEMBERS OF BOARD TO US FOR ELEVEN DAYS IN LATE MAY AND EARLY JUNE 1975 FOR PROGRAM IN WASHINGTON DC, NEW YORK AND SAN FRANCISCO. EXCERPTS FROM LETTER, GIVING NAMES OF BOARD MEMBERS AND PROPOSED PROGRAM, CONTAINED IN IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING CABLE.

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3. IN CALL ON CHAIRMAN UMAR AND DEPUTY CHAIRMAN (GENERAL) SOEDRADJAT ON PARIL 12, DCM WAS TOLD VISIT TO US IS PART OF LARGER TRIP BOARD MEMBERS TAKING TO WEST EUROPE, NORTH AMERICA AND JAPAN; LETTER TO STAATS IS FIRST AND ONLY WORD SENT TO HIM OR GAO ABOUT TRIP; BOARD HAS WRITTEN TO NO OTHER PEOPLE OR INSTITUTIONS MENTIONED IN PROPOSED PRPGRAM; BOARD WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE ASSISTANCE OF EMBASSY JAKARTA AND DEPARTMENT IN ALERTING STAATS' OFFICE TO PLANNED VISIT AND HELPING ARRANGE PARTS OF PROGRAM WHICH MAY FALL OUTSIDE PURVIEW OF COMPTROLLER GENERAL'S OFFICE.

4. UMAR SAID PRECISE DATES OF VISIT NOT YET SET SINCE ITINERARY IN WESTERN EUROPE (WHICH INCLUDES GERMANY, UK AND NETHERLANDS) STILL NOT FIXED; BUT UMAR ANTICIPATES VISIT TO US WILL TAKE PLACE ABOUT LAST WEEK OF MAY AND FIRST WEEK OF JUNE. HE HOPES VISIT CAN BEGIN IN WASHINGTON WITH CALL ON STAATS AND DISCUSSIONS WITH GAO. SINCE VISIT TO US IS PART OF LARGER TRIP, THERE IS, UNFORTUNATLY, VERY LITTLE FLEXIBILITY RE TIMING OF US VISIT.

5. UMAR SAID VISIT TO BE FUNDED ENTIRELY FROM INDONESIAN SOURCES. HE SAID BOARD PLACES PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE ON LOOKING INTO POSSIBLE TRAINING COURCES FOR BOARD STAFF AND HOPES GAO OR USG MIGHT BE ABLE TO HELP FINANCE SUCH TRAINING IN FUTURE IF IT IS AVAILABLE. BOARD HAS IN MIND TRAINING COURCES OF SIX MONTHS TO YEAR OF ON-THE-JOB OR CLASS-ROOM VARIETY. BOARD WILL BE LOOKING INTO POSSIBILITY OF SUCH TRAINING DURING VISITS TO OTHER COUNTRIES ALSO. (DCM SOUGHT TO DISCOURAGE ALL EXPECTATIONS THAT TRAINING MIGHT BE FUNDED BY EITHER GAO OR USG BUT HOPES OF BOARD ON THIS SCORE CAN BE EXPECTED TO PERSIST).

6. UMAR SAID HE HAD MET STAATS IN MADRID IN 1974 AND RECEIVED IMPRESSION DURING DISCUSSIONS WITH GAO PERSONNEL AT THAT TIME THAT VISIT TO US BY MEMBERS OF BOARD WOULD BE WELCOMED AND FALL INTO NORMAL ACTIVITIES OF GAO.

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7. VISITING GAO REP SULLINS TOLD EMBASSY THAT STAATS HAS GREAT INTEREST IN PROMOTING SUCH INTERNATIONAL CONTACTS. HE ALSO SUGGESTED PRPER CONTACTS IN GAO WOULD BE EITHER MR J KENNETH FASIK OR MR CHALRES HUGHES RE PROGRAM DESIRED BY BAORD-- PARTICULARLY ITEMS 1B, 1C AND 2B THROUGH 2E IN PROPOSED SCHEDULE SENT SPETEL.

8. SUPREME AUDIT BOARD, INSTITUTION ORIGINATING  
FROM LATE SUKARNO PERIOD, WAS LITTLE MORE THAN NAME  
UNTIL 1973, WHEN ITS ENABLING ACT WAS REVISED,  
BROADENED AND REVITALIZED AND PRESIDENT SUHARTO  
APPOINTED RESPECTED AND PRESITGIOUS MILITARY FIGURE  
(GENERAL UMAR) AS CHAIRMAN. WHILE BOARD STILL REMAINS  
FLEDGLING BODY, UMAR HAS HOPES OF DEVELOPING IT  
GRADUALLY INTO SOMETHING COMPARABLE TO GAO. BOARD  
ALSO TAKES GREAT PRIDE IN FACT IT IS HIGH STATE  
INSTITUTION WHICH, AT LEAST ON PAPER, PUTS IT ON  
INSTITUTIONAL PAR WITH PARLIAMENT AND SUPREME  
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